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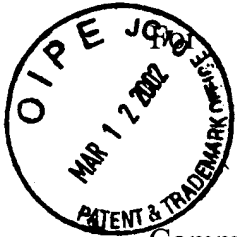
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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicants hereby submit the following document for the Examiner's consideration:

Applicants submit herewith a copy of a European Search Report dated September 5, 2001 conducted in European Patent Application No. RS 106472, which is a counterpart of the above-captioned application. In particular, the European Examiner cited:

(1) EP 0 205 623 published December 30, 1986, as an "A" category document (i.e., a document relevant to the technological background of the invention), as being relevant to the European application. For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants submit herewith a copy of U.S. Patent No. 4,832,832 issued to FUJIWARA et al on May 23, 1989, which is identified as a U.S. patent family member of the above-cited document;



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(2) EP 0 807 709 published November 19, 1997, as an "A" category document;
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(3) EP 0 479 203 published April 8, 1992, as an "A" category document. For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants submit herewith a copy of U.S. Patent No. 5,665,207 issued to AIKAWA on September 9, 1997, which is identified as a U.S. patent family member of the above-cited document.

Applicants note the following document that is discussed in the disclosure:

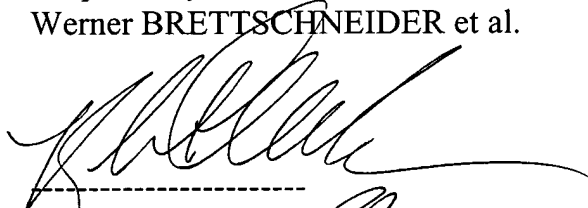
(4) DE 195 06 084 A1 is discussed beginning in paragraph [0005] of the disclosure.

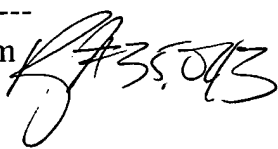
Copies of the above-listed documents (including the European Search Report and the Annex to the European Search Report) are enclosed as is a completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form listing these documents. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the first official communication.

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Should there be any questions or comments, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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